

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A digital video camera comprising:

a camera body;

an imaging means provided in the camera body capable of selectively imaging a still or motion picture image;

a communication means provided in the camera body for transmitting image data obtained by said imaging means to an external image data receiving means; ~~and~~

a display means provided on the camera body for displaying said image; ~~and~~

a shutter button disposed in the center of the upper face of said camera body;

wherein said camera body has a slot capable of removably receiving a flexible disk for storing said image data.
2. (original) A digital video camera according to claim 1, wherein said removable flexible disk has a diameter of less than or equal to 50.8mm (2 inches).
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) A digital video camera according to claim 1, ~~claim 3~~, wherein said shutter button is ~~adapted for use to indicate~~ indicates the timing of imaging to said imaging

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means, and said imaging means switches said imaging between still and motion picture images based on the duration of time for which said shutter button is pressed down.

5. (original) A digital video camera according to claim 4, wherein said imaging means obtains a still image when said duration is less than a predetermined time period, and a motion picture when said duration is equal to or more than said predetermined time period.

6. (new) A digital video camera comprising:

- a camera body having a front face, a back face, and one or more side faces;
- an imaging device capable of imaging still images and motion picture images;
- a storage medium for storing at least one of still images and motion pictures;
- a control button operable to indicate to said imaging device the duration of time for which said control button is pressed;

wherein when said control button is operated, said imaging device makes a determination whether to record a still image or a motion picture in said storage medium based on said duration of time.

7. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 6, wherein said imaging device records in said storage medium a still image when said duration of time is less than a predetermined time period, and a motion picture when said duration of time is equal to or more than said predetermined time period.

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8. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 6, wherein said control button is disposed in the center of a side face of said camera body.

9. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 6, further comprising a display device rotatably coupled to a side face of said camera body.

10. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 6, wherein said imaging device begins to obtain first motion picture images and record said first motion picture images in a buffer memory when said control button is depressed.

11. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 10, wherein when said control button is released and said determination is to record a still image, said imaging device records as a new still image in said storage medium one of said first motion picture images, said one of said first motion picture images having been recorded in said buffer approximately when said control button was depressed.

12. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 10, wherein when said control button is released and said determination is to record a motion picture, said imaging device records in said storage medium a plurality of said first motion picture images as a first portion of a new motion picture.

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13. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 12, wherein when said control button is released said imaging device obtains second motion picture images until said control button is again depressed.

14. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 13, wherein said imaging device records said second motion picture images in said storage medium as a second portion of said new motion picture.

15. (new) A method for imaging in a video camera, comprising:
making a determination, based on a duration of time for which a control button is pressed, whether to record on a storage medium a still image or a motion picture; and
recording image information in said storage medium based on said determination.

16. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein said determination further comprises:
determining to record a still image in said storage medium when said duration of time is less than a predetermined time period, and a motion picture in said storage medium when said duration of time is equal to or more than said predetermined time period.

17. (new) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
beginning to obtain first motion picture images and record said first motion picture images in a buffer memory when said control button is depressed.

18. (new) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

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when said control button is released and said determination is to record a still image, recording as a new still image in said storage medium one of said first motion picture images, said one of said first motion picture images having been recorded in said buffer approximately when said control button was depressed.

19. (new) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

when said control button is released and said determination is to record a motion picture, recording in said storage medium a plurality of said first motion picture images as a first portion of a new motion picture.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

when said control button is released, obtaining second motion picture images until said control button is again depressed.

21. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

recording said second motion picture images in said storage medium as a second portion of said new motion picture.

22. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 5, wherein said imaging means is operable to obtain still images and motion picture images only by a single shutter button.

23. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 22, wherein said obtaining of a motion picture image is stopped by operating said control button as a stop switch.

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24. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 1, wherein a recess is formed on said top surface, forming a planar area, said control button being disposed in said planar area.

25. (new) A digital video camera according to claim 22, further comprising a controller which switches a mode of operation of the imaging means after a predetermined time.